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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED U.S. CONCERNS AUGUST 2 AT GREAT LENGTH WITH LEIGHTON VAN NORT (U.S. CITIZEN), WHO IS IMCO'S DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION. VAN NORT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IMCO ASSISTANCE IS NOT EASILY DIVERTED TO IMPROPER USES. IT COMES IN THE FORM OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS, SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT (MOSTLY FOR TRAINING), AND SCHOLARSHIPS. IN PRACTICE THE EXPERTS HAVE A MAJOR VOICE IN THE USE OF BOTH THE EQUIPMENT AND THE SCHOLARSHIPS (ALTHOUGH VAN NORT CONCEDED THAT IF A GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST A CERTAIN GROUP AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FROM THE AFFECTED GROUP MIGHT NEVER COME TO THE EXPERT'S NOTICE).

B. IMCO RELIES HEAVILY ON THE UNDP RESREP TO OVERSEE ITS PROJECTS ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS, CALLING ITS ATTENTION AT ONCE TO ANYTHING HE FEELS IS AMISS.

C. VAN NORT AND HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF VISIT ALL
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IMCO PROJECTS REGULARLY. WHILE THEIR FIRST CONCERN IS WHETHER OR NOT A PROJECT IS MEETING ITS TECHNICAL GOALS, THEY WILL ALSO KEEP IN MIND THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE UNITED STATES.

2. VAN NORT EMPHASIZED THAT IMCO PROJECTS ARE ALL FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES, PARTICULARLY INDIVIDUAL

COUNTRIES AND THE UNDP. SO FAR AS UNDP-FUNDED PROJECTS ARE CONCERNED, HE SAID THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE U.S. CONCERNS ARE HEEDDED IS TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN THE UNDP GUIDELINES THAT FORM PART OF EVERY UNDP PROJECT AGREEMENT.

3. AT EMBOFF'S REQUEST, HE AND VAN NORT REVIEWED THE UNDP REGULATIONS ON REPORTING, TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT AN ASSESSMENT OF SUCCESS IN MEETING INDIVIDUAL GUIDELINES IS IN FACT INCLUDED IN PERIODIC PROJECT REPORTS. THEY FOUND A LIST OF KINDS OF REPORTS, TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT THAT DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED ON THE FORMS ON WHICH THE VARIOUS REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED. HOWEVER, THE FORMS WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND, PRESUMABLY, ACCORDING TO VAN NORT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ISSUED.

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